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SUBJ: INTENSIFIED PSYOPS TO DETER NORTH VIETNAMESE AGGRESSION

REF: (A) STATE 247263; (B) PHNOM PENH 13051; (C) PHNOM PENH 12817

1. WE DEFER TO JUDGEMENT OF AMEMBASSY SAIGON REGARDING VALUE OF

VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE LEAFLET DROPS UNDER BIG SHOW AND FREEDOM CARE
PROGRAMS TARGETTED AT NVA/VC IN CAMBODIAN BORDER AREAS. (OUR VIEW
ON THE DESIRABILITY OF KHMER LANGUAGE LEAFLETS UNDER THESE
PROGRAMS REMAINS AS STATED REFTEL (C).

2. IN RECENT MONTHS WE HAVE BEEN ESTIMATING THE NVA/VC
STRENGTH IN CAMBODIA TO BE 6-7,000 COMBAT AND 18-24,000
ADMINISTRATIVE AND REAR SERVICE PERSONNEL. MOST OF
THESE ARE LOCATED IN THE PROXIMITY OF THE VIETNAMESE
BORDER OR ALONG KNOWN INFILTRATION/LOGISTICS CORRIDORS
WITHIN CAMBODIA. THE ADMINISTRATIVE/REAR SERVICE
PERSONNEL ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BASE AREA OPERATIONS AND
SERVE THE INTERESTS OF NVA/VC UNITS IN VIET-NAM.

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3. CONCERNING THE NVA/VC COMBAT TROOPS, IT HAS BEEN
SUSPECTED FOR SOME TIME THAT MANY MAIN FORCE UNITS WERE
NO LONGER LOCATED IN CAMBODIA, AND RECENT INTELLIGENCE
REPORTING INDICATES THAT MOST HAVE DEPARTED THE GKR FOR

SOUTH VIET-NAM OR HAVE BEEN DISSOLVED. IT IS THEREFORE
POSSIBLE THAT THE NVA/VC MAIN FORCE COMBAT STRENGTH REMAINING
WITHIN CAMBODIA IS SUBSTANTIALLY DOWN FROM THE FIGURE CITED ABOVE.
OF THE REMAINING COMBAT UNITS, ONLY ELEMENTS OF THE
367TH SAPPER REGIMENT ARE BELIEVED TO BE TARGETTED
AGAINST THE GKR. ALTHOUGH THEY REPRESENT A THREAT TO
PHNOM PENH, THEY ARE NOT A GOOD TARGET FOR LEAFLET OPERATIONS.
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